pending with the Delhi Police (Special Branch) for more than one month. In accordance with the standing instructions, the process of verification is required to be completed within a period of six to eight weeks. However, cases of verification are normally disposed of by the Delhi Police within three to four weeks only.

Vacant post in MCD Reserved for SC/ ST/OBC

2632. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies of Junior Engineer (Civil) and Asstt. Engineer (Civil) reserved for SC/ST/OBC have been lying vacant in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been awaiting for their interviews selection since long;

(b) if so, the details of all such vacancies which are to be filled up through direct recruitment; and

(c) by when all selection formalities are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The number of vacancies in the two grades in question reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/ Other Backward Classes candidates, as reported by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, is as follows:—

Post	Details of vacancies SC	ST	OBC
Assistant Engineer (Civil)	4	2	7
Junior Engineer (Civil)	21	38	22

The selection process is in an advanced stage of completion. However, in respect of 38 vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Tribes Candidates in the grade of Junior Engineer (Civil), the number of eligible candidates available at present is only nine.

SCAMS in Andhra Pradesh

2633. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jurala project scam, Drainage works scam and Yeleru land compensation scam have been reported in some dailies of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details theeof;

(c) whether Government propose to get these scams investigated by the CBI or by a retired judge of High Court; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Extradition of 'Hawala Scandal' Culprit

2634. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one Mohammed Amir Deen Habib *alias* Amir Din who was wanted in 'Hawala Scandal' was reported to have escaped from Hong Kong on or about 4th January, 1996 to Dubai;

(b) whether the Union Government had requested the authorities of Hong Kong for his extradition;

had requested the authorities of Hong Kong for his extradition;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the C.B.I. was informed about the escape by Interpol through FAX on or about 9th January, 1997;

(d) whether any investigation have been made in the matter and if so, the results thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to bring Amir Bhai to this country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) According to information available, Mohd. Amir Deen Habib *alias* Amir Bhai had left Hong Kong on 4.1.1997 and reached Dubai on the same date.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The enquiries made by the Consulate General of India, Hong Kong reveal that Amir Bhai had waived his right to judicial review and withdrawn his petition filed in th Hong Kong High Court which was scheduled to be heard on 16th and 17th January, 1997. He volunteered to go to Dubai, which was the place of his embarkation at the time of his arrest in Hong Kong in June 1996. The invalid passport of Amir Bhai, which was in the custody of the Judge in Hong Kong, was returned to him by the Court in early January, 1997 and thus Amir Bhai departed from Hong Kong to Dubai on 4.1.1997.

(e) The Interpol India has requested Interpol Abu Dhabi to arrest Amir Bhai and extradite/deport him to India. The Court of Special Judge, Delhi has also issued a Warrant to Arrest against Amir Bhai on 24/1/97 which, along with other extradition papers, has been sent to the UAE authorities for extraditing/ deporting/removing Amri Bhai from Dubai to India.

Indian succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996

2635. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996 passed by the Kerala Assembly is pending before the Centre for assent since 11th April, 1996; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in the matter and by when the Bill is likely to be assented to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996, has been assented to by the President on 8-3-1997 and the State Government informed on 11-3-1997.

Public statement by the investigating officers

2636. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government quite recently that, the investigation officers are making many public statements revealing the progress of the investigation etc.; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that it may effect the result of the investigation and may help the real culprits to find out ways to escape from the hands of justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) As per the instructions/guidelines in CBI, public statements are made only by the officers who are authorised to issue such statements on behalf of CBI as and when considered necessary in the interest of the case. It would therefore, not be correct to say that the investigating officers are making public statements revealing the progress of the investigation.

(b) Adequate care is taken at the time